He was asking me why I was speaking in Hindi. (*Interruptions*). But I have to go through the Chair.

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : सवाल पूछने वाले और जवाब देने वाले दोनों साथ ही बैठे हैं। (व्यवधान)

डा० (श्रीमती) नजमा हेपतुल्ला : मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहती हूं कि जिन मंत्रालयों ने इ के ऊपर निर्णय नहीं लिया है, इस विषय में उनका मंत्रालय क्या काम कर रहा है? दूसरी बात मैं यह जानना चाहती हूं कि जब इंटरनेशनल इयर आफ फिजिकली हैंडीकैप्ड मनाया गया था तो उस समय मिनिस्ट्री आफ कम्युनिकेशन ने बहुत से ऐसे बूथ बनाये थे, पब्लिक टेलीफोन आफिस जो थे उनमें हैंडीकैप्ड लोगों को जाब दिये गये थे तो क्या इसी तरह की दूसरी अपोर्च्युनिटी देने का कोई प्रपोजल सरकार के सामने है या नहीं है?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, a committee was appointed.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Reply in Tamil. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: They have already talked in Tamil. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: I have no objection to her speaking in Hindi but she is sitting so close to me. (*Interruptions*)

Sir, the committee was appointed to identify jobs which can be reserved for the handicapped. This committee has completed its exercise for 'C' and 'D' Groups. For 'A' and 'B' they have identified the jobs. We are looking into the matter. As far as the Ministries which have not yet complied with the direction are concerned, I do not want to give the names of the Ministries. It is all in the statement. They are very few. I am sure that since the Members have expressed their views, all the Ministries will issue orders, probably next week.

*224. [*Transferred to the 22nd March, 1988*].

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question 225.

Missing ammunition boxes from Maharashtra

*225. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:†

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that some ammunition boxes were found missing while being taken from Maharashtra to Guwahati during the last week of November, 1987;

(b) if so what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have made any inquiry into the missing ammunition boxes; if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) 4 boxes containing 16 pieces of ammunition were found missing from the wagon of military special train at Bardhaman railway station (West Bengal), on 23rd November, 1974. The ammunition was consigned by an Annunition Depot in Maharashtra to a Depot in Assam.

(c) The matter is being investigated by the Police authorities. A Staff Court of Inquiry has also been set up by the Army authorities.

SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Sir, such incidents have taken place in the past also. Will the Government ensure that such incidents will not take place in future?

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, a Committee of Secretaries had gone into this particular heppening. They have made certain recommendations which are being followed by the Ministry and a continuous monitoring is also being done in the Ministry.

SHRI J. P. GOYAL: The answer is that the matter is being investigated by the Police authorities. I would rtquest the hon. Minister to place the report of the investigating agency before the House after it is received.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri J. P. Goyal.

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: *Sir, if you permit, then it can be done.* If you order, I can do it. He is saying that the report should be placed on the Table of the House after it is received. I think this is not necessary.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: You can write to him.

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: Yes.

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : सभापति महोदय, आतंकवादियों तथा बिहार में डकैती करने वाले लोगों के हाथ में जो हथियार पाये गये हैं वे सब के सब हथियार सुरक्षा विभाग से निकले हुए पाए गये हैं। मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं कि सरकार सिर्फ रेलगाड़ियों से नहीं बल्कि आर्मी के डिपोज से स्टोर्ज से जो इस प्रकार की चोरियां हो रही हैं क्या सरकार ने कभी इसका सर्वेक्षण करवाया है कि किस तरह से चोरियां और डकैती करने वालों को इन हथियारों की मदद की जा रही है? मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि सरकार के द्वारा इसको रोकने के लिये क्या व्यवस्था की जा रही है?

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, now the arms and ammunition and personnel are strictly documented checked and regulated through the gates of various depots. Some other corrective steps are also being taken.

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : यह तो लिखा रहता है लेकिन कोई खास व्यवस्था नहीं की है।

श्री सभापति : आप जवाब तो सुन लीजिये।

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, some of the arms which have been recovered are also manufactured illegally in various parts of the country. The police have detected such factories several times. It is not a fact that large scale thefts art taking place from the Army Depots. There may be one or two cases.

Road between Pongchao and Wakka in Arunachal Pradesh

*226. SHRIMATI OMEM MOYONG DEORI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a border road linking Pongchao and Wakka (both C. O. Headquarter) in Tirap District of Arunachal Pradesh.

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted in this regard and what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the work in this regard is proposed to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV)): (a) Pongchao is proposed to be linked to Wakka *via.* Tissa by a road admeasuring about 83 kms. in length.

(b) and (c) The survey of the road sectors Pongchao-Tissa and Tissa-Kwakka has been completed and improvement of the sector Pongchao-Tissa ras commenced. Work on the sector Tissa-Wakka is expected to commence in 1988-89, after its inclusion in the BRDB programme.

SHRIMATI OMEM MOYONG DEORI: Sir, it is a very sensitive area. This area is surrounded by the National Council of Nagaland whose members are harassing our local population. The road is very essential for effective patrolling operations by the Indian Army. I am grateful to the hon. Minister for stating that the survey has been completed and the work will start from 1988-89. I would like to know from the hon. Minister how soon this work will start and whether it will start in 1988-89 or 1989-90.

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir our effort is to complete this road because of its strategic importance. As I have said in my reply, 1988-89 is our target for the first part. After completion of the first part, we will come to the second part. I fully agree with the hon. Member that it has got importance We are apprised of it and we are taking action.